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Serial No.:	09/655,074	Group Art Unit:	1743
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Title:	DEVICE AND METHOD FOR ANALYZING A SAMPLE		

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection of claims 7, 12-17, 28-31, 38-44, 46-53, 56-64, 66-71 and 73-76 of the above-identified application, as set forth in the Office Action mailed October 21, 2003.

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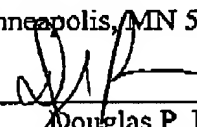
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